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Women-only newspaper defends policy

by Stephanie Nolen

HALIFAX (CUP) — Feminist newspaper *Pandora* found itself in the centre of a discrimination hearing at the Nova Scotia Human Rights Commission in Halifax last week.

Glen Keyes made the charge against the volunteer-run *Pandora* newspaper after it refused to print a letter from him.

"I suffered the disadvantage of not being able to participate in the socio-political debate," Keyes, a researcher and former assistant political science professor at the University of Brandon, told the inquiry.

Keyes told the commission *Pandora* had violated two sections of the Nova Scotia Human Rights Act, by denying him a public service because of his sex and discriminating against him in a publication. He also charged that *Pandora* publishes hate literature about men.

A coalition of women's groups supporting *Pandora* has released a statement condemning the human rights commission for even holding an inquiry into the charge against *Pandora*.

It said the commission is "in the ironic position of representing the interest of a white, highly educated and privileged male, and prosecuting a small volunteer women's newspaper which exists as a way to ameliorate the disadvantaged situation of women."

Keyes, who is divorced and does not have custody of his children, wished to write a letter in response to an article in the March issue of *Pandora*. The article said men should never be given custody of their children in divorce cases.

In accordance with *Pandora's* women-only editorial policy, the newspaper refused. Keyes then rejected *Pandora's* offer to have a female reporter write about his concerns, and filed a complaint with the Human Rights Commission in June, 1990.

Pandora is written and produced exclusively by women. The members of the publishing collective say women are a disadvantaged group, and need an alternative media source that can address their specific interests.

Pandora lawyer Ann Derrick, who has also represented Donald Marshall Jr., and Henry Morgentaler in Nova Scotia, told the inquiry that *Pandora's* policy is justified. Under the Charter of Rights and Freedoms *Pandora's* editorial policy is acceptable because it attempts to improve the position of a disadvantaged group.

Coalition member Lara Morris, of the Dal Women's Group, said the commission's agreement to hear

the case shows it does not understand the nature of discrimination.

"In my understanding of discrimination, there is someone in a position of power who discriminates against someone who is in a position of disadvantage," Morris said. "In this case, we're talking about a women's volunteer collec-

tive not printing a letter from a man.

"The man is in a position of power, so it can't be discrimination."

Keyes, and commission lawyer Randall Duplak, told the inquiry non-custodial fathers are a disadvantaged group.

Duplak called *Pandora's* statement that all men are advantaged a "broad-brushed, stereotyped generalization," claiming that some men are disadvantaged and that Keyes was entitled to use the newspaper to present his case.

But David Miller, chair of the inquiry, rejected their submissions,

saying the issue was not the concerns of non-custodial fathers, but *Pandora's* editorial policy.

Pandora has received a number of death threats since the media picked up the story last November.

A judgement is not expected for several months.

Demonstrators chant as Manning drawls



Preston Manning presses chin into shirt while reaching for glass of unidentified liquid.

by Lysandra Marshall

While Québec businessmen cautiously inspected Reform Party leader Preston Manning, demonstrators protested the Party's "sexist, racist, anti-gay and anti-French policies."

Forty demonstrators gathered outside the upscale Sheraton Centre Thursday, where Manning was giving his first-ever presentation in Québec.

"The Reform Party has a dangerous platform that would block progress and turn Canada back 50 years," said protestor and Concordia student Heidi Modro. "Preston Manning is simply a reactionary who has already gained too much credibility."

One McGill student at the demonstration called Manning "the David Duke of Canada," referring to ex-Ku Klux Klan leader and Louisiana politician David Duke.

In his presentation, Manning called for parliamentary change including Senate reform and giving regions more power over "linguistic and cultural matters."

Manning repeatedly referred to the "grassroots origins" of Reform Party policy. But present at the luncheon were representatives of Montréal's corporate elite including the Royal Bank, Canadian Pacific and the Standard Life insurance company.

Many of the mostly-male audience were suspicious of Manning's populist and anti-federalist rhetoric.

But Manning said he was not in Montreal to muster support.

"Our role with respect to Québec is simply to listen and to serve as a voice for the rest of Canada," he said.

Reform Party critics say hidden behind the party's populist sounding rhetoric on constitutional reform is racism, sexism and discriminatory attitudes. Literature distributed at the demonstration cited Reform Party members who have expressed extreme right-wing positions on immigration, the rights of women, and lesbians and gays.

"What's frightening is the Reform Party is not marginal anymore," said Concordia student Keith Lowther. "It's gaining traditional party status in the West."

The Reform Party was founded four years ago in western Canada with anti-French, pro-West and conservative economic policies. In a poll reported last week, the Reform Party gathered an estimated 15 per cent of decided voters, edging past the Tory's 12 per cent.

But some protestors questioned the party's popularity.

"Manning and the Reform Party are encountering resistance in every city they visit," said McGill student Brian Schnarch. "It shows how Canadians really feel."

Organizing the protest were the Concordia University Students Association, the Lesbian and Gay Friends of Concordia, and McGill students.

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EVENTS

All women are welcome to a meeting of the McGill Women's Union at 17h30 in Union 423.

Walk Safe Network has a volunteer recruitment meeting at 19h30 in Union 435.

The McGill Debating Society presents Be It Resolved that this House Would Legalize Prostitution. Union 425 at 18h00. All welcome.

The Pillar meets today at 18h00

in Arts 235.

Head and Hands starts registration for its "Living on My Own" program to help young people who are planning to move out for the first time. The program will cover how to look for a job, reading a lease, looking for an apartment and much more. Program starts Feb. 3. For info, call Bruce at 481-0927 or 481-3643 weekdays, 10h00 to 20h00.

CALL FOR PAPERS:

The McGill Journal of Political Studies is now accepting papers for inclusion in its 1992 edition, to be published in March. Submissions may be of any length (preferably not exceeding 50 pages), in English or French, graduate or undergraduate, concerning any aspect of political studies. Essays will be judged solely on the basis of academic excellence. Papers should include author's name and phone number, and can be submitted to the Journal, c/o PSSA box, Political Science office, 4th floor Leacock.

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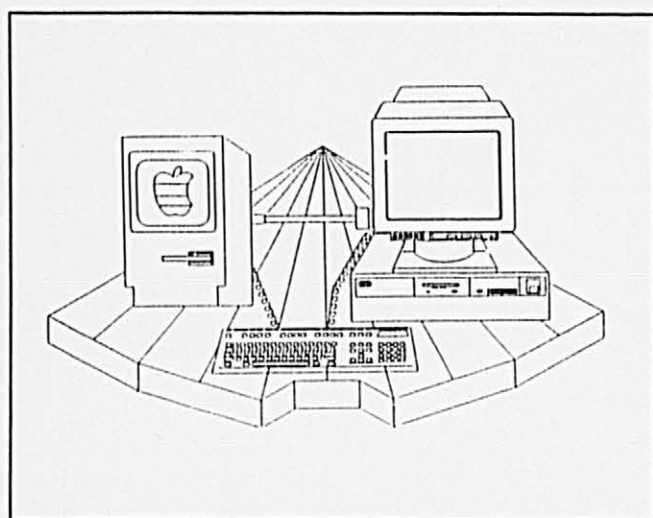
14h30 - Culture and science writing

15h30 - Janice Goveas, a writer for the Mirror and Images who will speak about covering minority communities.

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On Wednesday, January 29th, 1992, from 9:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.. COOP MCGILL will be holding a Computer Expo for all the students and staff of McGill University.

WHERE?

The Student Union Building, in the Ballroom (3rd floor), 3480 McTavish.

WHO WILL BE THERE?

Representatives from the principal leaders of the computer industry, located at booths in the Ballroom.

SPEECHES AND CONFERENCES

Conferences will be held addressing some important issues in computer products and computer use. Everybody is welcome to attend.

YOUR NEEDS AND FIELD OF STUDY

The Expo offers a chance for all attendees to learn from experts just which computer system and software packages will complement their field of study or type of employment.

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The event will be filled with valuable information on the latest technological trends in the world of computers.

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Mohawk verdict predictable

by Michael Kaiser

A jury decision in the trial of three Mohawks involved in the "Oka standoff" was no surprise to defence lawyers.

Owen Young and Julio Peris, the lawyers who represented the three men, said their defence was a success in light of the trial circumstances and charges faced.

"Given what the system has to offer, it was a perfectly fair trial," Young said. "But in five years, chances are that questions will still be asked concerning the justice of the trial."

Mohawk activist Kahn-tineta Horn was critical of the Crown's tactics and labeled the entire court procedures a "trial by ambush."

Horn insisted the trial was political in nature. She said the defendants couldn't participate in the trial proceedings because the political issues could not be ad-

ressed in a criminal court.

"The Mohawk (defendants) stood mute from the beginning and they never submitted to the jurisdiction of the court," said Horn. "They did not answer to anything."

The jury convicted Mohawk Ronald Cross on 20 of 29 charges and Gordon Lazore on nine of 16 charges. Roger Lazore was acquitted on all 10 charges against him. The sentencing will begin today.

The verdict came after six heated days of deliberation in the Québec Supreme Court in St. Jerome. The trial had just entered its sixth month.

Young was also critical of some of the Crown's tactics used in the trial.

He criticized the Crown's repeated withholding of evidence throughout the trial proceedings. This practice eventually forced Judge Benjamin Greenberg to drop two of the most serious charges,

which related to participating in a riot, and obstructing police and military personnel.

With those two charges dropped, the trial couldn't address the political backdrop of the case, Young said.

"The trial dealt with facts that are more specific," said Young. "The nature of the trial became more criminal and less political and that affected the strategy we'd planned to use."

Young also criticized the 12-person jury, which consisted solely of non-native members. "It's as if the trial dealt with questions that concerned only women and the jury was entirely male."

Horn said both Young and Peris remained loyal to the defence, even after the defence fund was completely exhausted. "The two were hard working, unpaid lawyers with an impossible case."



PHOTO: KATERINA CIZEK

NEWS BRIEFS

Taylor and Tully to leave Poli Sci

Two of the political science department's best known professors want to leave the department, causing concern among students. Professors Charles Taylor and James Tully both hope to start teaching in the philosophy department next spring.

The move has especially provoked concern among graduate students in political theory studying with Taylor and Tully. About 20 of the students met with the two professors last Wednesday to discuss their concerns.

Students expressed worries that their interests in the department would not be looked after properly once the professors leave. Some worried that they would suffer in terms of rankings of grads within the department, as well as in competing with philosophy students for TAs and major awards at McGill.

One student also suggested many undergrads and grads hoping to come to McGill for political science may rethink their choice should Tully and Taylor leave.

The graduate students hope to lobby dean of Arts Michael Maxwell to ensure their interests are protected, and will discuss the issue at the next meeting of the grad students' association. The departure will also be discussed at the next departmental meeting.

Taylor and Tully, who supervise nearly a third of the graduate students in the department, said they are leaving because it will be easier in Philosophy for them to pursue their intellectual interests.

"There's somewhat more room in philosophy for idiosyncratic courses," Taylor said. He suggested some of his "critics" within the department "found some of my courses weird".

The professors said they hope eventually to create an interdisciplinary graduate program in social theory, combining political theory,

sociology, legal theory and philosophy.

For information about the meetings call the poli sci office at 398-4800.

— Fiona McCaw

Q-PIRG board reduced; to recycle next week

McGill's Québec Public Interest Research Group (QPIRG) survived the loss of three members of its Board of Directors last week. The resignation signals an important change in direction for the student group, formed three years ago.

"Since the beginning of this board's term in office, there has been considerable tension resulting from ideological and philosophical differences between board members," said ex-board member Daron Westman.

"We tried to work them out, but there was just no way."

Westman said the board was strongly divided on whether to oppose the war and on whether to support last fall's Public Service Alliance of Canada strike.

Nine board members are elected each year in campus-wide elections held in March. Five board members remain.

Ex-board members plan to continue with projects already in progress.

"Everyone who resigned from the board is still involved in many ways," said Fern Doctoroff, another one of the members who resigned.

The resignations raises questions about QPIRG as an organization, said Westman, who believes a more pluralistic power structure is required.

"QPIRG needs a structure that can make decisions without the entire unity of the board. In that way, the organization could develop a wider mandate."

The vacant positions will be filled Wednesday at QPIRG's next meeting.

Presently, QPIRG projects include opposing violence against women, working against the city's

SSMUCorp passes

Student Council voted at its meeting last Thursday to form an employment services corporation to employ their staff. The Board of Directors of the new corporation will be composed of council, with counsel executive as the Board's executive committee.

Several councilors expressed concern over not being able to see the corporation's charter, the governing document of the corporation, before voting on the resolution. "I went to Legal Aid to ask about personal concerns I had about the incorporation, and they said they could not help me because there wasn't enough information," said Science rep Sherri Becker. President Scott Mitic responded by saying that there would be no new powers vested in the executive, that the corporation was only a nominal change.

Gruber also believed the corporation could not be created without changing the constitution, because it is not in the duties of Council to serve as a Board of Directors. He then made a motion to take the proposed corporation to referendum. That motion was defeated.

The motion to incorporate, with the charter returning to Council for ratification, was passed.

Studsoc and McGill at it again

Students' Society is still negotiating with the university over the proposed letter of agreement. The letter will outline the rights and responsibilities of each party involved. Students' Society has been

without a letter of agreement since last December when the letter they did have was declared in default. This occurred after Students' Society fired Executive Director Don McGerrigle.

One provision the university wants to include is that Students' Society incorporate. President Scott Mitic said that this was not possible because the Society could not afford to pay the costs of incorporation. Mitic added that McGill had previously declared, "Students' Society will not exist if it does not incorporate."

The executive is also against a provision which would make the Dean of Students the sole person to decide when the letter of agreement was in default. This would allow a McGill employee to have sole jurisdiction over the agreement.

VP University Affairs Rosalind Ward-Smith said it was unfair that, under the proposed agreement, Students' Society will have to pay legal fees which the university incurs because of the Society. The university will not have to reimburse Students' Society for legal fees incurred by the university.

Without a letter of agreement, which includes provisions for telephones, mail, and liquor permits, Students' Society could lose these privileges at any time. Mitic said that Students' Society also needs to ensure that McGill does not take over food and beverage operations from the Society. "There have already been some rumblings about it," said Mitic.

new incinerator, forming student co-operative housing, conducting an environmental audit of the university, and campus waste reduction.

— Ira Rabinovitch

Senate gives dentistry one last chance

Senate voted Wednesday not to close dentistry so long as certain conditions are met.

The conditions were those already passed by the Academic Policy and Planning Committee of Senate last November. These included cost-cutting measures and the encouragement of more research activity in the Faculty.

Cost-cutting measures include the reduction in the size of the undergraduate program from 38 students per class to 24, and the

Redmen logo scrapped

The McGill Athletics Board has decided in principle to change the Redmen logo. Athletics rep James Stewart said that the board decided "to cease the use of the native in traditional headdress as McGill's logo for male intercollegiate teams." A committee of the Athletics Board has been formed to examine the logo and the name Redmen, which may or may not be changed. Stewart added that "For students who feel strongly either for or against the disbandment of the logo, now is the time to make your case."



Just say no

The opt-out deadline for the drug plan has been extended until this Friday, January 31, VP Finance Lev Bukhman announced.

Residence rep Monique Shabbare told Bukhman that her constituents were upset about the details of the drug plan. "Opting out is difficult enough to discourage people from doing it," said Shabbare. She added that international students wanted to be automatically excluded from the plan.

Bukhman responded by saying he hoped that international students would be automatically excluded next year.

Students who already have prescription drug coverage may still opt out by filing a form available at the Students' Society desk in the Union.

— Michael Rottmayer

conversion of the dentistry school's clinic into a self-financed facility.

The decision followed a heated debate in which senators questioned the feasibility and the legality of the recommendations.

— Fiona McCaw

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EDITORIAL

Do something

Open letter to Carmen Miller, chair of the History department:

This letter is to inform you that we fully support the McGill Black Students' Network's efforts to achieve an Africana Studies Program at McGill, and particularly a course in Black History in the History department.

We also support the principle of having the course taught by a Black professor. Some faculty have argued that professors should be appointed on the basis of merit. We agree that the course should be taught by the most qualified candidate. But surely one of those qualifications must be the professor's background and experiences as a Black person.

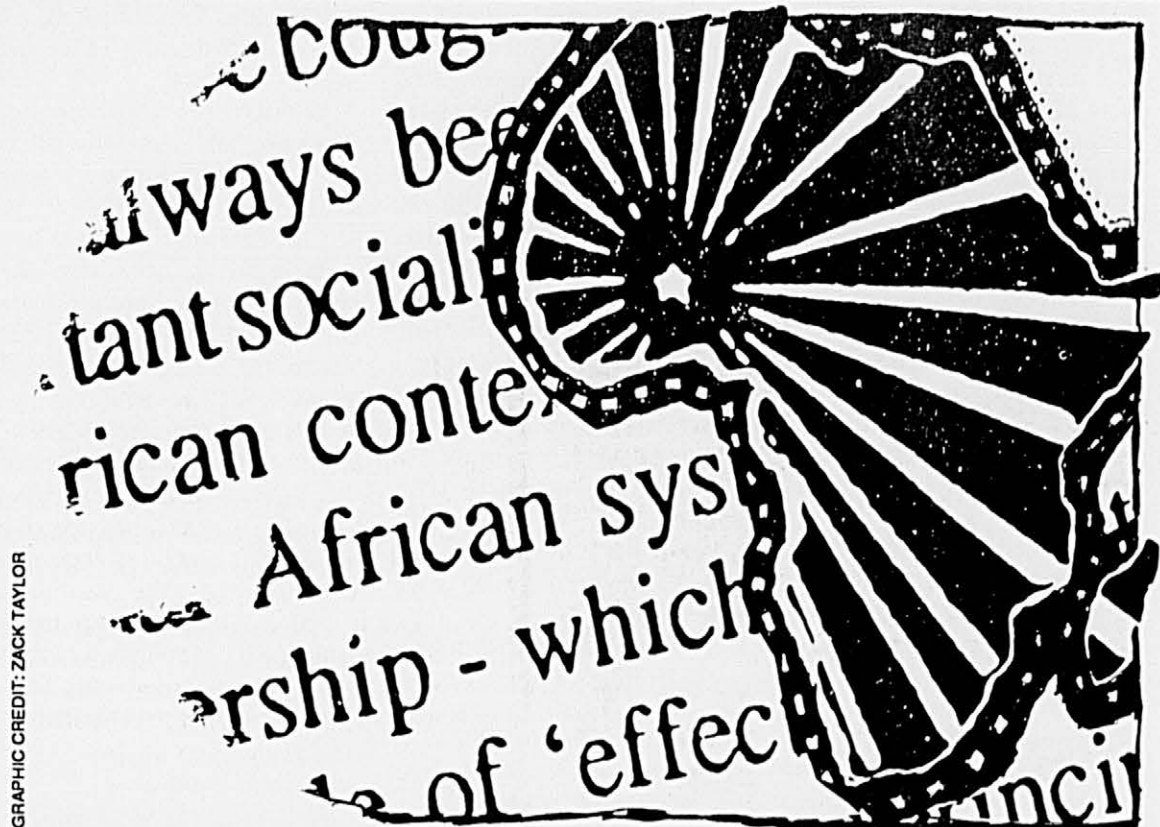
We also have to question whether in the past the department's hiring standards have been based solely on merit, considering that there are no Black professors teaching in the department, just as there are no more than a handful in the rest of the Arts faculty.

In the whole of North America, we are confident that if you look carefully there is at least one qualified Black academic who could teach this course.

We also reject the argument that there is no money to hire such a professor. The Arts faculty each year hires new lecturers to teach courses. Some of this money could be used to hire a professor for Black History. Moreover, university revenues from tuition fees have tripled in the last two years, with seemingly no improvement in the number or diversity of courses, overcrowding in classes, safety on campus, quality of facilities, or day care services. We feel certain that if the university wants to find the money, it will.

Students are tired of waiting.

Staff of the McGill Daily



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LETTERS

improved soon along lines he suggests.

In the *Toronto Star* article mentioned in his letter he indicated that there was an "exposing (of) McGill's big cheating problem" and it contributed to the idea "that McGill did not deserve to be named Canada's top university". Virtually all Universities are plagued with this problem; McGill's administration however has done something virtually unprecedented in North America by dramatically changing exam security conditions. These new regulations established in October of 1990 should make it difficult, if not impossible in the near future to cheat on many exams by mandating scrambled seating as well as the use of scrambled multiple-choice exams.

Students troubled by cramped exam conditions where the "viewing" of a nearby paper is easy should complain not only to their professor, but to the Vice-Principal (academic), the Dean of their Faculty, the Dean of Students and the University Ombudsperson. At present, we have the rules in place to make our exam system the best in the country.

David N. Harpp
Professor

Ed note: Leif Montin, come on down and chop your letter down to our 300 word limit.

You know what? We're holding several seminars for people interested in writing today, in Union room B09/10, across the way from the Daily.
13h30 - News and features writing.
14h30 - Culture and science.
15h30 - Janice Goveas will give a seminar on covering minority communities. All welcome.

LETTERS

Taking shots

To the Daily:

Your January 22 article (Student group rebuilds its support base) on the Association Nationale des Étudiants et Étudiantes du Québec (ANEEQ) was one of the finest examples of misleading headlines I have ever seen.

The two headlines proudly proclaim ANEEQ as "rebuilding its support" and "getting a shot in the arm" in bold, 24-point letters. Yet the article itself says nothing of the sort.

There are three pieces of evidence that the *Daily* provides for its claim that ANEEQ is "getting a shot in the arm". The first is that the schools in Québec City area are becoming a new "power centre" within ANEEQ. Yet no schools in the Québec City have joined ANEEQ in the last three years. Given that fact, the only way that these schools could become a new power centre is if there was a decrease in activism among ANEEQ's Montréal membership. Hardly an encouraging sign.

The second piece of evidence is that ANEEQ has a better policy on tuition fees than its rival, FEUQ, does. Without examining the merits of one position over the other, this is a totally meaningless statement unless ANEEQ were actually planning actions against fee hikes. Yet there is no talk of strikes or demonstrations in the article. Radicalism without activism isn't a

"shot in the arm": it's just hot air.

The third piece of evidence is that ANEEQ, in contrast to FEUQ, has formulated a strong stance in favour of independence. FEUQ's "weak" position on sovereignty is a sign that it listens to its anglophone constituents at Bishop's and McGill, whereas ANEEQ, whose largest member association is Concordia, clearly does not. This is supposed to be a point in ANEEQ's favour?

Finally, the article says that three-quarters of ANEEQ's executive has resigned, leaving only Julie Gervais, the Secrétaire-Générale, in place. This is hardly evidence of a solid, expanding organisation.

Did your headline writer just not read the story? Or did it hurt too much to question fellow student activists? If it's the latter, then do everyone a favour and just don't report on this issue anymore.

Alex Usher
BA U3

Scrambled exams

To the Daily:

I am responding to a letter published in the *Daily* of Jan. 22 written by Mr. David Morris. I understand his very legitimate complaint with respect to some students plagiarizing lab reports. We anticipate that this situation will be

HYDE PARK

Good enough to work, good enough to stay

While the rest of us were celebrating the end of exams and preparing for more holiday fun and debauchery, foreign domestic workers in Canada received an unwelcome gift from the Department of External Affairs. On December 19, 1991, Canadian immigration officers abroad received a telex instructing them to treat foreign domestic workers as temporary workers and not as potential immigrants. These ominous instructions threatened to end the 11 year-old federal Foreign Domestic Workers (FDW) program.

Under the program, foreign domestics who have worked 2 years in Canada as live-in domestics have the right to apply for permanent residence status if they can show that they have upgraded their education and language skills, and demonstrated a reasonable ability to become self-sufficient. Once they obtain permanent resident status, they are allowed to find work in their occupations and to sponsor their children here, whom many workers may not have seen since they left their countries.

Even under the FDW program, domestic workers remain vulnerable to many types of abuses. Federal law requires them to live at the house of their employers. Therefore, besides having no private life, workers are that much more vulnerable to exploitative working conditions, as well as physical, psychological and sexual abuse. Québec law excludes all care givers for minimum wage protection. As a result, domestic workers whose work consists solely of caring for children, the elderly, the sick, or the physically handicapped have no legal right to minimum wage, time off, holidays, or sick leave.

However, under the federal FDW's Program, the worker at least is allowed to stay in the country for 2 years and has the right to apply for permanent residency at the end of their 2 years of domestic labour. In cases of abuse, the worker can change employers. If the program is dead, as was written in the December telex, domestic workers will be at the mercy of their employers' threats to deport them if they do not agree to the employer's working conditions. One reason for the creation of the program was to give women from developing countries a chance to become Canadian permanent residents in an immigration system which is heavily biased in favour of male professionals. Removal of the program ensures that there will always be a supply of cheap, temporary female labour without obligations to respect the rights of these women.

Foreign domestic workers cook for us, clean up our mess, take care of our elderly parents and sick family members, and raise our children. After having given so much of themselves to serve us, they deserve the same basic rights and freedoms as any of us. If they are good enough to work, they are good enough to stay!

The McGill Caucus of Women and the Law and the Montréal Household Workers' Association is participating in a country-wide demonstration on Sunday Feb. 2. Meet at St. Joseph exit of Laurier metro at 11h00. Bring friends to support the workers, as well as noise-makers such as pots, pans, and brooms! For info call May or Barbara at 272-0446.

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The legislation of sanity

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An estimated 11 000 people in British Columbia live without the right to control their own affairs.

These people have been judged legally incompetent. Control over much of their personal lives is given over to "adult guardians".

"It's an effective loss of liberty and it's unconstitutional," said Rob Gordon, a criminology professor at Simon Fraser University.

Presently, two forms of adult guardianship exist. Under "committeeship," an allegedly incompetent individual can be represented by another individual. Under "trusteeship," a government appointed public trustee serves as an official stand-in for someone who does not have legal status.

"An individual can be examined by two physicians and declared incompetent on a medical certificate," Gordon said. If the person is declared incompetent a public trustee "will take control of the individual's property and financial affairs, until they think it is time to let go."

In either case, trusteeship or committeeship, an individual is not necessarily incarcerated in an institution.

A wide range of people can be judged incompetent according to present legislation. The elderly, people with mental illness, mental handicaps, a degenerative illness such as Alzheimer's Disease, AIDS, Parkinson's Disease, Huntington's Chorea, Multiple Sclerosis, a head injury or stroke, and people with a severe physical handicap could all be found legally incompetent.

A provincial medical committee makes decisions on individuals' competency after receiving applications requesting that the person be reviewed. The applications cannot be made by the individuals whose competency is being judged.

Change needed now

Reform of the guardianship system is critical, concluded a study reviewing the last 20 years of committeeship. The study revealed that most persons involved never received enough information, were not well-advised about the hearings and were not present at the hearings. Medical evidence was vague and quite often, hearings lasted less than five minutes.

B.C. law also does not recognize varying degrees to which an adult requires control over her or his life decisions. People are simply judged competent or incompetent.

But recently the philosophy of "graduating competency," or different levels of competency, has gained ground. New laws regarding adult guardianship, Gordon believed, must reflect this new trend in thought.

In 1989, a group of concerned citizens

organized a committee officially titled "The Project to Review Adult Guardianship." The committee has been working with a broad group of people, including those affected by the proposed legislation, to reform B.C.'s adult guardianship laws.

The guardianship committee seeks to open up the legislation to make it more flexible and receptive to individuals' needs and concerns. They also want to extend the rights of the individuals affected, including giving them the right to choose their own guardian.

One of the committee's main goals is "legislation which will permit an adult to appoint a representative to manage their finances or their personal care, if the adult becomes incapable of making these decisions."

Gordon, also a member of the Guardianship Committee, would like to see representative agreements required by the government when an individual reaches the age of 19.

Gordon said current B.C. laws regarding adult guardianship date back to the 1890s and are hopelessly outdated. But the earliest possible date for any form of new legislation would be the end of this year.

Impersonal care

One of the main problems with the current system of adult guardianship is the impersonal care provided by some public trustees.

Eric Laity, the president of the B.C. Head Injury Association, has a son who is the client of a public trustee. Ross Laity was hit crossing the street and suffered a closed head injury.

"My son did not recover, he just survived," Laity said. "He cannot read or write, or walk independently, and his prospects for competitive work are very slim."

Ross, 22, has lived away from home for three years. He has changed homes three times and is presently looking for a fourth. He needs help with food preparation, house-keeping and other aspects of everyday life.

"He was appointed to the office of the public trustee when he became an adult," Laity said. "Four individuals have managed his financial affairs [in three years], and he has not even met one of them."

"Despite [Ross's] quest for independence he needs support and advocacy. He is a vulnerable adult, potentially another victim and he needs advice."

Laity noted that other people with head injuries had experienced similar problems. He said his son's case points to structural problems in the public trustee guardianship system.

"The person stepping in is not necessarily the most appropriate. Mismanagement, abuse, and neglect are not in the interest of the individual," Laity said.

"There is system abuse and sometimes people fall through cracks. Even governments leave voids."

Laity spoke in favour of the guardianship committee's work, noting that the

people affected need to be consulted and respected. "There is a need for involvement, for an individual's own choice and risk-taking. It demonstrates the basic need to recognize individual wants, likes, needs, and choice," he said.

Problems with adult guardianship

But others say granting more rights may not always be the solution.

Pat Louis, has been participating in the Adult Guardianship Committee since its inception. Her son is diagnosed as schizophrenic.

Louis said she is supportive of the guardianship committees work but she questioned whether schizophrenic people would benefit from their proposed reforms.

Louis said in the case of schizophrenics she supported stronger state intervention.

"My son sat on a wall at Commercial and Tenth (a busy street corner in Vancouver) for three months," Louis said. "He was dirty and had no money or place to sleep. Young people from Safeway would feed him."

"He would not ask for help and would refuse it. He wouldn't come home. I used to visit him once a week on the wall."

People phoned mental health and they said they couldn't interfere because he makes sense," Louis said. "My son has an IQ of 140, he can fool people really well for about half an hour. Eventually he was sent to the Vancouver General Hospital."

Louis said the present guardianship system does not give others a chance to help schizophrenics. "I want compulsory early intervention and assessment," she said. "Early intervention could prevent further deterioration."

Louis said a starting point for government intervention should begin when an individual's self-respect deteriorates.

"Self-neglect should be grounds for commitment. Deterioration is allowed to go too far before compulsory intervention."

"There is a whole section of youth not being cared for. All of the services are hopelessly overloaded. These people should have a right to receive treatment rather than to refuse it."

"A lot of people don't accept the illness. They refuse to take medication, which can have horrible side effects," Louis said.

The causes of schizophrenia are unknown. The most common ages of onset for men are the late teens and early 20s and about five years later for women. The average schizophrenic has a perfectly ordinary childhood.

"About one-third of patients have one or two episodes and recover — no one knows why. Another third have recurring episodes throughout life, but with relatively good recovery between. The remainder have an ongoing illness," said Louis.

According to medical documentation, schizophrenia afflicts approximately one person in every 100. One out of ten schizophrenics commit suicide, on average.

Peace process encourages Montréal Salvadorans

by Renato Sogueco

Rogelio Varela, a Salvadoran expatriate living in Montréal, hopes to return to his homeland soon. The peace agreement signed between El Salvador's warring parties may end many Salvadorans' years of refuge and twelve years of civil war.

"The peace accord is a good thing for the Salvadoran People," Varela said. "It's a victory for democracy. My people have suffered too long."

The peace accord provides for the demobilization of the guerillas over the next nine months and the establishment of political parties. The government must reduce its armed forces, create a civilian police force, and make wholesale changes in its judiciary and civil election systems.

Of all the choices peace has to offer, the option to go home is the most tempting. But the decade long stay in Canada has fostered economic dependence.

"The majority of the Salvadorans here in Canada are thinking of returning," said Aguilr. "But many expatriates need to send money to families in El Salvador for their survival."

Most are optimistic that the peace will last and democracy and pluralism will develop.

"All the major political groups are on line with this agreement," said Victor Aguilr, of the Salvadoran information office in Montréal. "Everybody wants to end the war. That's why the accord will last."

Aguilr adds the only opposition comes from the extremist right-wing. However, he does not see it as a threat to the democratic movement. According to Aguilr, this group consists of the privileged land-owning class who want to retain power.

"The reason they don't want

peace is very clear. The war was a business for them," he said. "They received a huge amount of money from the U.S. and don't want to lose that income."

Some Salvadorans in the Montréal community are skeptical that the transition will be smooth.

Huby Romero, a Montréal Salvadoran immigrant, thinks returning at this time would be irresponsible. Despite his optimism for a lasting peace, his confidence in the Salvadoran government is weak.

"Salvadorans have lived in an armed fortress which was, and pos-

sibly still is, repressive," Romero said. "How can we have confidence in them? We'll have to wait some time and see if they accomplish the mandate of the peace agreement."

In the 1970's, a state of virtual serfdom prevailed in El Salvador. Ten per cent of the land owners seized 78 per cent of El Salvador's arable land. Leftists rebels staged a reform coup in October, 1979 promising an end to repression and socio-economic inequity.

The conflict escalated when the United States pumped \$4 billion in aid to help the Salvadoran government fight the Cuban backed rebel

insurgency, the Farabundo Martí Front for National Liberation (FMLN). In subsequent years, the U.S. sent scores of military advisors.

In just over a decade, 75 000 lost their lives and one million people, a fifth of the population, fled the country. Most of the refugees fled to the United States but over 10 000 settled in Canada.

According to most analysts, El Salvador has a long road to recovery. U.S. government documents estimate war damage at \$2.2 billion (US).



QUEEN'S JERKS GET OFF

by Clive Thompson

TORONTO (CUP) — Queen's University has cleared 7 of 9 male students charged with sexual harassment after signs ridiculing an anti-date rape campaign appeared on campus.

The case became well known when in response to a student run "No Means No" campaign, signs were posted in a Queen's men's residence which said "No Means Kick Her In The Teeth" and "No Means On Your Knees Bitch."

The university's harassment board has told the two students found guilty to write letters of apology to the complainants and to learn about violence against women.

"The lightness of the sentence is appalling," said Kelly Gallagher-Mackay of the McGill Walk Safe Network. "All participants created an actively hostile environment against women."

The women who issued the complaint weren't satisfied with the verdict and plan to appeal the decision.

"If the university doesn't act seriously, they tell men that the harassment of women is not a problem in their eyes," said Gallagher-Mackay.

But Andrea Calver, one of the former Queen's students who brought the initial complaint to the student council, said she was happy to finally have some results on the case.

"When this first began, my idea was not for punitive measures, not to get anyone kicked out, just for an official university board to say this was wrong," Calver said.

Queen's administration has refused to comment on the issue until an appeal is launched.

MONTRÉAL STUDENT PRESS REVIEW

In an attempt to keep readers informed of activities and debaucheries happening on the city's other three campuses, the *Daily* has put together a compendium of recent happenings.

UQAM branches out

While McGill administrators whine to all who will listen about its "space crisis," Université de Québec à Montréal opened the doors to three new buildings this month.

The largest, Pavillon Athanase-David, will harbour offices of the university administration, as well as the faculty of management.

The Pavillon was built into the renovated facade of a nineteenth century building adjacent to Berri metro.

The other two new buildings are extensions to the present UQAM complex. One will house the music

faculty, the other, the department which handles the university's services.

—L'UQAM

U de M prof freaks out, attacks student

Remember Université de Montréal Classics Prof. Dominico Fasciano, the professor caught last semester for plagiarizing the works of several Virgil scholars.

Well, the story doesn't end there.

Two students, accused by another Classics professor of furthering the rumours of plagiarism, were allegedly assaulted physically and verbally by the professor.

The professor attempted to drag one student into his office, and told the other that she was intellectually "hopeless."

The two students have sent a letter to the dean of arts and sciences, and intend on pursuing the

incident until an apology is received.

The incident has exposed the weakness of the university's judicial code. There is no specific provision dealing with disciplining abusive administrators and professors.

—Continuum

What the hell, let's tax water!

The laws of supply and demand now extend to tap water at Université de Montréal. From now on Versabec inc., the corporation that runs the U de M's cafeterias (and several of McGills), now charges a lousy quarter plus tax for a measly cup of hot water.

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Stalled elevator causes book backlog, library chaos

Ten thousand books were taken out of circulation last month at Concordia's Norris library while a service elevator was waiting to be repaired.

The elevator's generator and motor burnt out during exam period, causing uncalculable stress to Concordia students.

Library employees attempted to alleviate the backlog by hustling books between floors with a primitive dumbwaiter.

Concordia administrators are investigating why employee service personnel were not called until January 6th, two weeks after the elevator blew.

A section of Concordia's library is holed up in an old downtown office, completely inappropriate for the universities 30 000 students. A

new library is presently under construction.

—Concordia Link

There's power in a union!

Employees of Concordia's student union, CUSA, established an official union local for themselves last month. Eighteen of CUSA's 60 employees elected a union executive last week.

The local is affiliated with the Confederation of National Trade Unions (CNTU), one of Quebec's largest unions. First on the union's agenda is negotiating with CUSA job descriptions for each position.

The union also wants to ensure dental and health insurance for employees who are also international students. Union dues amount to two percent of wages.

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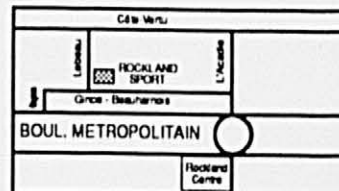
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